

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending as of the Office Action of May 1, 2008. In this Office Action the Examiner requires Applicant to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted under PCT Rule 13.1.

Particularly, the Examiner identifies:

Species I: Claims 1-15, 29, and 30, Figures 1, 2A, and 2B; and

Species II: Claims 16-28 and 31, Figure 5.

In reply to the restriction requirement, Applicants herein elect Species II, Claims 16-28 and 31, Figure 5. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the withdrawn claims in a related application(s) without prejudice.

Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested. The foregoing is believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

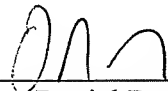
Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the below-listed phone number regarding this Response or otherwise concerning the present application.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extensions of time necessary under 37 C.F.R. §§1.136(a) or 1.136(b).

If there are any charges due with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

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